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The Honorable Robert J. Bonds, Circuit Court Judge

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2019GS2500060, 2019GS2500061,  
2019GS2500062

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

v.

WILLISTON LAMONE OWENS,

Appellant.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Williston Lamone Owens appeals his trial, conviction and sentence on the charges of Murder, Attempted Murder, two (2) counts of Discharging a Firearm into a Dwelling, and Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime before the Honorable Robert J. Bonds, Presiding Judge, for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and Williston Lamone Owens appeals the Denial of his Motion for Direct Verdict and Motion for a New Trial on April 5, 2023, in addition to the Denial of any other Motions or Objections throughout his Trial held in Hampton County, South Carolina on April 3, 2023 through April 5, 2023 before the Honorable Robert J. Bonds, Presiding Judge, for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the below listed respondents by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on April ~~06~~, 2023.

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I further certify that on an Original Notice of Intent to Appeal in the above captioned case was filed with the Hampton County Clerk of Court.

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Dear Sir/ Madam:

Enclosed you will find the original Notice of Appeal in the above matter along with Proof of Service upon the Respondents. The Notice has been filed with the Hampton County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of the sentencing sheet from which this appeal is taken and a copy of the warrants and indictments.

These matters are being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense in that we were participating as Court appointed counsel at trial.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

*Courtney a Gibbs*

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**NOTES:**

Attached please find a copy of the appeal as referenced in the cover letter. A mailed copy is forthcoming.

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